

Judicial Administration Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
May 14, 1999

The Judicial Administration Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, May 14, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Scott R. Bowers, Roland W. Chamblee, Steven M. Fleece, John L. Kellam, Stephen E. Platt, and Ernest E. Yelton, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Lana Bandy, Associate Director, Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory, was also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on February 12, 1999 were approved.
5. Jury reform survey.
 - a. The committee members agreed to review issues and prepare proposed final recommendations for jury reform in the areas indicated at the June meeting:

(1)	Judge Chamblee	Opening statements
		Deliberations
(2)	Judge Bowers	Juror Qualifications
(3)	Judge Fisher	Constitutional /statutory right to jury
(4)	Judge Fleece	Pretrial Juror Excusals
(5)	Judge Gull	Infrastructure: Care of Jury
		Post-trial Survey - Exit Survey
(6)	Judge Kellam	Pretrial Juror Education
		Conclusory Trial Information
(7)	Judge Kirsch	Jury selection
(8)	Judge Mathias	Trial excuses
(9)	Judge Payne	Juror notification
		Introductory statement information
(10)	Judge Platt	Trial
		Post-Trial
(11)	Judge Pratt	Voir Dire
(12)	Judge Yelton	Jury views
 - b. The committee members also agreed to prepare recommendations about jury areas that are working well and no changes are needed. They agreed to review the results from the judicial district meetings to decide if information gathered at those meetings should be included in their recommendations.

- c. Lana Bandy reported that 239 surveys were returned by judges. She reviewed preliminary results of the survey with committee members. They requested various format changes in the report of the answers to the questions. She agreed to distribute the raw data for all surveys to the Judicial Center next week, to have this data to the Center in a revised format by May 27 or 28, and analysis and correlation requested by the committee with a preliminary draft of a final report by June 3-4. Mr. Bercovitz will distribute this information to committee members upon receipt.
 - d. Mr. Bercovitz agreed to redistribute all the underlying research to each committee member with the survey to assist members in preparation of their recommendations.
 - e. Mr. Bercovitz reported that the retreat will be held July 9-10 at the Sheraton Hotel in Indianapolis.
6. Next meetings. The members of the committee agreed to meet again at the Judicial Center on Friday, June 11, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon at the Sheraton in Indianapolis (Formerly the Radisson); and Friday, August 13, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; In conjunction with September Judicial Conference on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; Friday, October 8, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, November 12, 1999, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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